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Field Crops Report

As of October 27, **cotton** harvest was 53 percent complete, equal to last year and ahead of the five-year average of 49 percent.

Alfalfa harvest progress was reported as 35 percent not being harvested, 5 percent light, 20 percent moderate, and 40 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 2 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 52 percent good, and 24 percent excellent. Sheep are starting to be moved onto alfalfa fields and grazing on winter pasture.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 39 percent very poor, 39 percent poor, 20 percent fair, and 2 percent good. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cantaloupes and honeydews, while eastern Arizona producers shipped apples, chilies, head lettuce, romaine lettuce and tomatoes. Producers in western Arizona shipped cantaloupes and honeydews.

Citrus producers in central and western Arizona shipped lemons last week.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for most of the State were slightly below average. For the week ending October 26, temperatures ranged from seven degrees below normal at Parker to 2 degrees above normal at Safford. The highest temperature of the week was 90 degrees at Gila Bend, while the lowest reading was 29 degrees at Flagstaff and Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 14 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.03 inches at Douglas to 0.89 inches at Kingman. Seven of 17 reporting stations are at or above 50 percent of normal precipitation levels for this time of year.

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Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK OCTOBER 20 TO OCTOBER 26, 2002**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	51	1	69	34	0.11	5.18	7.86
Casa Grande	68	1	87	49	0.09	2.59	7.42
Coolidge	68	1	88	49	0.04	3.39	7.51
Douglas	61	-1	77	36	0.03	7.99	11.81
Flagstaff	44	-1	61	29	0.60	10.37	18.87
Gila Bend	72	0	90	53	0.30	0.74	5.51
Grand Canyon	46	0	66	29	0.52	6.22	13.87
Kingman	61	-1	77	46	0.89	5.69	8.27
Parker	72	-7	88	57	0.00	0.30	4.21
Payson	54	-2	71	37	0.43	7.64	18.24
Phoenix	72	1	88	59	0.28	2.23	5.90
Prescott Airport	53	0	70	39	0.38	4.45	12.18
Safford Ag Center	62	2	84	42	0.09	5.04	8.17
Tucson	68	0	83	52	0.00	6.54	10.30
Willcox	59	-1	77	34	0.05	5.14	11.12
Winslow	53	0	73	32	0.08	3.45	6.82
Yuma	74	0	89	62	0.00	0.00	2.40

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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